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SUBJ: DHEW/OE FY 74 GROUP PROJECTS ABROAD

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KNOWLES LETTER TO HOPWOOD, SEPT. 11, 1973

1. RICHARD BENDER, ACUIIS PROJECT, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE,
TELEPHONED CAO HOPWOOD JUNE 13 TO ADVISE THAT PAKISTAN
EMBASSY WASHINGTON HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ACUIIS PROJECT.
HOPWOOD UNDERSTOOD FROM BENDER THIS INFORMATION
REVEALED WHEN ACUIIS SUBMITTED LIST PARTICIPANTS TO
EMBASSY APPARENTLY JUST RECENTLY. HOPWOOD INFORMED
BENDER EMBASSY HAD ADVISED DHEW/OE (REFTEL B) SIX WEEKS
AGO PROJECT HAD BEEN APPROVED BY GOP AND PROJECT
DIRECTORS SHOULD GET NAMES, BIO-DATA, AND PASSPORT
INFORMATION TO PAK EMBASSY WITH COPIES TO DHEW/OE AND
EMBASSY ASAP. BENDER SAID HE HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED
OF THIS BY DHEW/OE.

2. AS RESULT CONVERSATIONS LAST SUMMER KNOWLES/HOPWOOD
DHEW/OE AGREED PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED FOR GROUP
PROJECTS COMING TO PAKISTAN. LETTER SEPTEMBER 11, 1973.
(REF.C) CONFIRMED ARRANGEMENTS. REFTEL (B) RETITERATED
AND ADDED REQUEST THAT EMBASSY RECEIVE COPIES INFORMATION
IN ORDER EXPEDITE GOP CLEARANCE.

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EM HAD INFORMATION BEEN SUBMITTED PAKISTAN EMBASSY

SOON AFTER NOTIFICATION PROJECT APPROVAL THE GOP
WOULD HAVE COORDINATED AND OBTAINING VISA CLEARANCES
WOULD HAVE BEEN ROUTINE.

4. EMBASSY DOES NOT ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY THESE
UNFORTUNATE DEVELOPMENTS. THERE HAS BEEN AMPLE TIME
SINCE GOP APPROVAL OF PROJECTS TO HAVE PARTICIPANTS
CLEARED IF PROJECT DIRECTORS HAD ACTED PROMPTLY.

5. HOPWOOD UNDERSTOOD FROM BENDER NAMES ACUIIS GROUP
AND NECESSARY INFORMATION BEING CABLED BUT NOTHING
RECEIVED HERE YET.

6. NO INFORMATION RECEIVED HERE ON SOUTH CAROLINA
GROUP AS REPORTED REFTEL (A).

7. IT SEEMS CERTAIN THESE GROUPS WILL NOT BE ABLE
TRAVEL AS PLANNED. EMBASSY CANNOT ASSIST IN OBTAINING
CLEARANCES UNTIL DATA RECEIVED. RECEPTIVITY MINISTRY
TO CRASH PROGRAM FOR APPROVING NAMES DOUBTFUL. PROCESSING
GROUP PARTICIPANTS FOR WHICH INFORMATION HAS BEEN
RECEIVED PROCEEDING SLOWLY IN SPITE OF CONSTANT
FOLLOWUP AND URGING.

8. EMBASSY WILL APPRECIATE DHEW/OE ADVISE IMMEDIATELY
ON ANY ACTIONS NOW BEING TAKEN BY OE AND PROJECT
DIRECTORS.

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